

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enabling requirement because the claims contain subject matter which is not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. In that regard, the examiner has stated that it is not clear from the disclosure what the claimed "electronic brake" 70 is or how it operates to hold "ball nut" 60 in place.

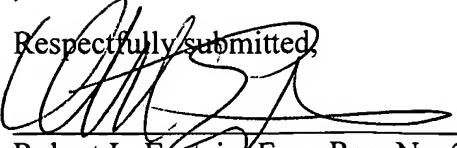
The specification and claim 1 have been amended to delete "electronic" brake and substitute "electromagnetic" brake. It is believed that this change does not encompass new matter because one skilled in the art would clearly understand that electromagnetic brake is the correct terminology for the device under discussion from the context of the specification.

With regard to how the electromagnetic brake operates to hold the ball nut in place, the ball nut 60 is rotatably supported to the holder 80. The key 62 is tightly fitted around the ball nut 60. When the magnetic force from the electromagnetic brake 70 is applied to the key 61, the position of ball unit 60 is fixed by the key.

It is believed that with the above explanation, it should be apparent to one skilled in the art what the electromagnetic brake 70 is and how it operates to hold the ball nut 60 in place. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

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